


**Welcome to Messiah!** We worship in the liturgical tradition of the Lutheran church. This means that we consider worship to be a participatory event.

All present participate in offering praise to God; for this reason, the worship service includes opportunities for every person to take an active part, including hymns, responses, and sharing in the Lord's Supper.

Please follow the order of service below. The green *Lutheran Book of Worship* is divided into pages, found in the first part of the book, and hymns, which compose the last three-fourths of the book.

In the order of service, "Page" with a number refers to the front of the hymnal; "LBW" with a number refers to that numbered hymn in the latter part of the *Lutheran Book of Worship*. "WOV" refers to the blue soft-bound supplemental hymnal, titled *With One Voice*.

The asterisk (\*) denotes a portion of the service where those who are able are asked to stand.

 **The Holy Communion** is open to all who have been baptized in the Triune Name of God and who believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Instructions for receiving Holy Communion are provided in the box with the cup icon in this bulletin.

Parents are welcome to bring infants and young children forward to receive a blessing.

Worship begins with silent prayer and preparation as the people enter the nave and during the Prelude.

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

In reverence to God and with respect to fellow worshippers, please turn off all cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices.

*(Please note: many use the time during the prelude to engage in prayer and contemplation. Out of reverence and consideration for others, please refrain from conversing.)*

The Prelude	Limbaugh
<i>If You But Trust in God to Guide You</i>	
*The Confession of Sins (Brief Order)	Page 56
*The Processional Hymn	LBW 444
<i>With the Lord Begin Your Task</i>	
*The Apostolic Greeting	Page 57
*The Kyrie	Page 57
*The Prayer of the Day	

**HEARING THE WORD**


The First Lesson	Ezekiel 33:7-9
God's charge to the prophet	
The Psalmody	Psalm 32:1-8 Page 230
The Second Lesson	Romans 13:1-10
Responsibility under authority	
*The Alleluia Verse	Page 62
*The Holy Gospel	Matthew 18:1-20
The authority of admonition	

The Sermon	
*The Hymn of the Day	WOV 666
<i>Great God, Your Love Has Called Us</i>	
*The Apostles' Creed	Page 65
*The Prayers of the Community of Faith	
*The Sharing of God's Peace	

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

The Musical Offering	Cherwien
<i>If You But Trust in God to Guide You</i>	
*The Offertory	Page 66
*The Offertory Prayer "Merciful Father"	Page 67

**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

 Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. You may commune using either the shared cup or an individual glass. If you prefer the glass, please take one from the ushers as you approach the rail.

If for reason of health, you prefer not to receive wine, it is perfectly acceptable to commune by receiving bread only; simply decline the wine when it is offered.

You are welcome to remain standing at the rail if kneeling is difficult for you. Deposit used cups in the dishpan (front pew).

If you would like to receive the Sacrament but cannot walk easily, please indicate to your usher that you would like to receive Communion in your seat, and the ministers will bring it to you.

*(Please follow the special order for Distribution of Consecrated Elements in the Holy Communion by a Lay Worship Leader in your insert.)*

*The Post-Communion Blessing	Page 72
*The Post-Communion Canticle	Page 72
*The Post-Communion Prayer	Page 74
*The Benediction and Sending	Page 74
*The Recessional Hymn	LBW 343
<i>Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer</i>	
*The Postlude	Carlson
<i>Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer</i>	

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We are grateful to Kathaleen Lilley for leading worship today during our time of transition.

**VISITOR INFORMATION:** We welcome you in the Name of Christ. Please sign the guest register located in the narthex near the greeter and give the pastor an opportunity to meet you.

If you would like a tour of the facility, the pastor will arrange for a guide. If you would like to know more about the ministries and life of Messiah, we invite your questions.

REST ROOMS are located in the corridor to your left as you exit the worship space. Pass through the coat area then look to your right. An infant changing table is available in the Ladies' Room.



A local telephone is available in the choir room (behind the door) by the main entrance.

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**SERVING TODAY:**

LAY LEADER:	Kathaleen Lilley
ASSISTING MINISTER:	Deborah Lutz
ACOLYTE:	Deborah Lutz
CRUCIFER:	Andrew Surmacz
ORGANIST:	Erin Trovinger
GREETER:	Deborah Lutz
HEAD USHER:	Rita Savant
FINANCE STEWARD:	David Machamer

**IN LIEU OF CHANCEL FLOWERS** a donation has been made to the General Fund to the glory of God and in loving memory of my brother, Joseph R. Hartman, the best brother ever by Mary Garrett.

The **COMMUNION GIFTS** are presented to the glory of God by Rod and Eileen Ledger that through these gifts the will of Your Son, our Lord, Who commanded that His people be fed, may be accomplished.

**THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH:**

9/10	9 AM Living in Faith Education Hour
9/11	OFFICE CLOSED
9/12	7 PM Congregation Council
9/14	OFFICE CLOSED
9/17	9 AM Living in Faith Education Hour
	10:30 AM Liturgy of Holy Communion (The Rev. Logan G. Swanger presiding)

**Next week's lessons: 16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-12; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

**PARENTS** – You are encouraged to bring your small children to worship. Should you decide they need a break from pew seating, you are welcome to make use of the area outside the nave. They can crawl or play while you continue to worship.



Also, parents: Please make use of the paper strips for your young child to draw on during worship, rather than the Communion cards. These cards are needed for their intended use. Your consideration is appreciated.

**Parents and Kids!** Beside the guest register stand (at the Greeter Station), “busy bags” are available for your young children’s use during worship. You are welcome to take them into the nave. Please return these items to the basket after worship for use again next week. Encourage your children to take their artwork home with them. ENJOY! From the Welcome Team.



Please complete a **Communion Record card** once a month, and use your **offering envelopes** when making your weekly offering to God so that we may keep our records up to date.



Help fill the Disaster Response warehouses in our Region! With hurricane season upon us the need is great for supplies like flood buckets, health kits, school kits, Bibles, blankets & quilts, and kitchen kits. Gift cards to Walmart, Home Depot, and Lowe’s are also in demand. Please pick up a copy of the kit list (located on the table outside the nave) to help stuff the truck with needed supplies. Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, October 8 so they may be taken to York and put on the Disaster Response truck. THANK YOU!

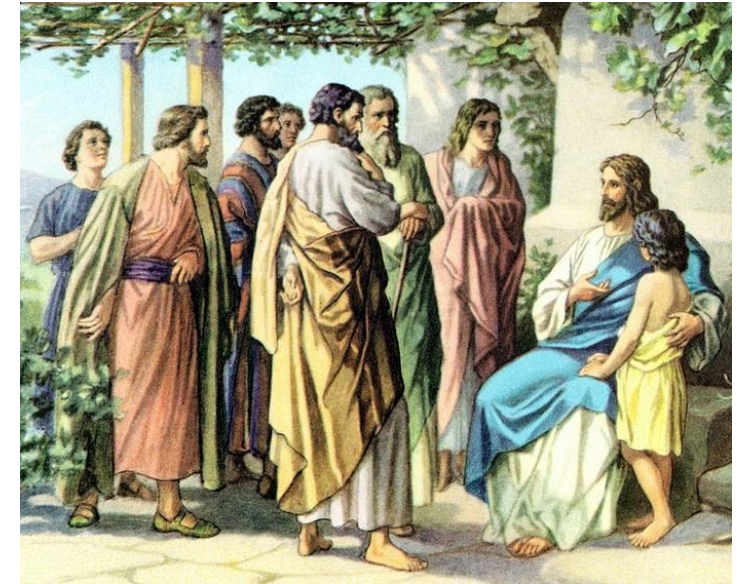


**PRAYERS FOR A PARTICULAR CONGREGATION** within the Atlantic Mission Region of the North American Lutheran Church are being offered each week during the liturgies of the forty-two congregations of the mission region. This week we are remembering in prayer the people, ministries and congregation of **First Lutheran Church of Gray Manor in Dundalk, MD.**

Registration materials are available for the annual **Convocation of the Atlantic Mission Region** which will be held on **Friday, October 13 & Saturday, October 14** at Saint Paul Lutheran Church (250 Trinity Rd.) in York, PA. **Life-to-Life Discipleship in Action** is the theme for this year. The Rev. Dr. Amy Little (General Secretary of the NALC) will be our featured speaker. Worship, fellowship, learning time, good food, and Stuff the Truck are all featured in this two-day event. Cost is \$50 per person. Hotel information is available; see Robin.



**Showers of Blessings** The **Women of the AMR** are also holding their annual Women’s Conference on **Friday, October 13 from 9–11:30 AM.** We will be assembling health kits for Disaster Response as well as enjoying a Bible study by the Rev. Dr. Amy Little. Good conversation and fellowship with your sisters in Christ are also included! Cost is \$15 per person. See Robin for more information or if you are interested in registering for either event. **Deadline to register is September 30.**



**The 15th Sunday after Pentecost  
The Holy Communion  
at 10:30 AM  
September 10, 2023**

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